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SOUTHEAST NOTES.

M. A. Drane has been appointed postmaster at Charleston vice Capt. Hayes, deceased.

Oregon county is to have a new jail. They should be careful and not follow the example of Scott county and get it too small.

Rans Owens, formerly a railroad conductor on the Iron Mountain, got into a fight at Charleston and got one of his ears nearly bitten off.

In a breach of promise suit, tried at Jackson, last week, Ellen Yount got judgment against Chas. Harenberg for \$1,000. Look out, boys; be careful what you say.

The Madison County Democrat says that some people "borrow their neighbor's paper and thus get the news like the tramp gets his breakfast—by sponging." Correct.

A Cape county overseer warned his road hands to appear for work Monday morning. On Sunday they went on a fishing spree and on Monday only one man was able to show up.

Southeast Gazette: If the Democratic party adopts a free silver platform at Chicago it will elect the next President and revolutionize the financial policy of the civilized universe.

Fredericktown News: A man who never takes his home paper, in response to an "ad" in an eastern magazine, sent 50 cents for a pocket fire escape. A few days later he got a New Testament.

Constable Hill, who shot and killed Prosecuting Attorney Walker, of Iron county, about a year ago, was tried last week and convicted of manslaughter and his punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary. A new trial was asked for.

Pemiscot Press: Last Friday morning the dead body of a man by the name of Delaney was found near Avenue Landing. It is supposed that Delaney was waylaid and murdered by a sixteen-year-old boy by the name of Landrum. No arrests have been made.

Stoddard County Democrat. John R. Tanner, republican nominee for governor of Illinois once killed a man and sought refuge in Butler County, Mo. He was arrested a few miles south of Poplar Bluff, taken to Illinois, tried, convicted and securing a new trial was acquitted.

Cape Democrat: We have made arrangements with Capt. Burton of the steamer Idlewild for a free steamboat excursion for the Southeast Missouri editors who will meet here on the 15th and 16th. The boat will take the newspaper men to Commerce and return on her trip Saturday.

Cape Democrat: Little Henry Hoffmaster the Tom Thumb of Missouri, was a passenger down from St. Louis to-day on the steamer Idlewild where he has been with a shipment of stock. Henry is the smallest man in Missouri. He is nineteen years old, forty-two inches in height and weighs about forty-three pounds.

Messenger: It was a bad piece of politics to defeat Mr. Mozley for re-nomination. Although he was accidentally elected two years ago, the fact of his success would have been to his advantage this year. The republicans can not elect anybody this year, but they could have come nearer electing Mozley than they can Snider.

South Missourian: The fruit man of Oregon County, S. W. Gilbert, has 22 acres in strawberries. He began shipping last Monday; is now working about 200 hands, men, women and children, a day picking and crating strawberries. Says his crop will pay him about \$500.00 per acre. There is not a piece of ground in the county that has more stone on it than this field.

Bluff Citizen: Attorney G. A. Standard says he thinks some provision ought to be made whereby the Probate Judge of a county be given jurisdiction in a certain class of petty misdemeanor cases which now go on the circuit court docket. With such an arrangement many minor cases would not burden the circuit court docket and business would be greatly facilitated.

Saturday's Enterprise says that Friday evening at Smithton, Mississippi county, a man who boarded a Cotton Belt freight train at Bird's Point was killed by falling under the train while attempting to climb from the box car window to the top of the car while the train was in motion. The unfortunate man had his head and one hand severed from his body. The remains were shipped to his home, Genoa, Illinois for burial.

Bluff Citizen: There is about as much reason in a merchant's saying it is too dull to advertise as it would be for a sick person to tell a doctor that he was too bad off to take medicine. Medicine is given for the purpose of stimulating a person's system and building it up; and advertising is calculated to perform the same mission for a business that is afflicted with inactivity. It's a plain case of "what's good for the goose will do for the gander."

Bluff Citizen: Tuesday a man whose name we did not learn and dressed in a red suit, caused considerable excitement by announcing that he would leap from the highest part of the city bridge into the river. After drawing a crowd of spectators and taking up a liberal collection, he proceeded to climb over the banister by the road-way and very carefully let his slender body down, hanging by his hands for a moment, then dropping about eight feet into the river below. It was a great disappointment indeed!

Dunklin Democrat: The experience that Ironton is having with its woolen factory, is but a repetition of what nearly every community experiences when a big bonus is given to secure the establishment of a manufacturing plant. The creamery men hire shrewd men to sell their machinery and get them a bonus. The cannery schemes do the same. Both usually start off well enough, but rarely ever pay. The woolen factories, stove and iron works, big lumber-working plants, and all along the line of manufacturing, pick out their "suckers," demand the big bonus, put in a lot of worn-out or inferior machinery and a smash-up follows.

Ironton Register: We understand that the campaign fund of James Monroe Seibert has been tapped by the Marvin Collegiate Institute for five dollars, and that of Lou V. Stephens has been diminished by ten dollars in the same behalf. We understand that the Republican managers intend to roll a good sized barrel into this Congressional district this year in the interest of higher taxes and less money. If the promoters of that institution can work the managers of the Republican party as successfully as they did the last annual Conference, they may get from them as much as a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars. They might promise five thousand votes—which they would have quite as much at command as the twenty-five thousand dollars they assured Conference they could place their hands on at any moment. Why didn't our Woolen Mill men think of this scheme? It is a great scheme! Every candidate in the State can be worked. Some scrupulous, old-fashioned brother, however, might regard it as blackmail of the rankest kind, and kick. Some people are so unreasonable!

Rabbit by the Droyes. Poplar Bluff Citizen: Farmers in the region about Frenno, Cal., are almost in despair because of the plague of rabbits. Although many thousands of the animals have been killed lately in some way or another by poison, by shooting, and in rabbit drives they do not appear to decrease in numbers. Thousands have been shot in a day, but they come in from the surrounding uncultivated regions to feast on the grain fields in increasing numbers. It is estimated that three jack rabbits will eat as much grain as one sheep. A big drive was held in February and many thousands of rabbits were killed, but a month later it was estimated there were 100,000 on the same ground. Another drive was held the last of March, but already the rabbits are swarming in again.

TENKHOFF!

Has just Returned

With an Elegant Stock of



SUMMER GOODS!

DRY GOODS AND SHOES

A Specialty. Also Groceries, Hardware

Queensware & Notions.

These Goods were bought at Hard Times Prices and will be sold Cheap for Cash or Produce. An Elegant Display to select from.

B. J. TENKHOFF, -:- Commerce, Mo.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

Heavy storms swept over Nebraska and Kansas Tuesday afternoon.

St. Louis boasts of a baby that is six weeks old and weighs less than two pounds.

The Democrats of Arkansas held their convention this week and they are for free silver at the rate of 640 to 8.

The tow-boat Harry Brown exploded her boilers just below Vicksburg and eleven men were drowned. The boat sank out of sight.

A committee of five has been appointed to investigate Secretary Carlisle and his recent bond deal. Vest is a member of the committee.

Silver Dick Bland is a great grandson of President Monroe, a relation of President Jefferson and a cousin of Abe Lincoln. Pretty good pedigree.

A contrivance called a teletroscope is a thing by which we are to see the person to whom we are talking at the other end of the telephone line. How's that, Rubie?

The recent death of George Davis, who was the attorney-general of the confederate states, leaves John H. Reagan the only surviving member of Jefferson Davis' cabinet.

Rev. Dr. Brooks, of St. Louis, prophesies that the most momentous industrial strike in the world's history will soon be inaugurated, and that will overthrow the American government within the next six months.

Iowa has a law forbidding the manufacture or sale of cigarettes or cigarette material. That State also has a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor, and the government gets more revenue from the sale of liquor from that State than from Missouri. But they've got "Prohibition in Iowa," all the same.

At the Republican State Convention, held at St. Joseph this week, Filley had things all his own way. Filley, Warner, Neidringhaus and Bothwell were chosen delegates at large to the St. Louis convention. Filley was also chairman of the State committee. B. M. Chandler, of West Plains, was chosen delegate from this congressional district.

Three women, next-door neighbors, in Ormeville, Mo., are the mothers of an aggregate of 36 children, all living at home. There are lively times for the other neighbors when school is out.

A western evangelist said the other day: "I don't allow bench warmers to hear me time after time and year after year. They have either got to fish or cut bait, make a confession, start for Heaven, or give their room to people who will hear."

There is a five-year-old girl in Detroit who plays on the piano and composes pieces. She wakes up the family before breakfast and often arouses them in the middle of the night. The neighbors are doubtless "dead struck" on the infant prodigy.

Miss Jennie Hilton a former school teacher, is probably the only woman who is actively and exclusively engaged in mining. She struck it rich in Arizona and has just sold a claim for \$35,000. We trust this bit of information won't cause all the women to go West.

Jim Albright Gets Away.

It is not the custom for a prisoner to escape without someone finding it out, but it was not until one Moore, who was "doing time" for carrying a pistol, was released that it leaked out that Jim Albright had escaped from jail about two weeks ago. Moore told the story in the saloon, after his release, and supposed everybody knew it. Albright left wearing a coat belonging to Moore.

Quite a number of our citizens expressed themselves as surprised. Ordinarily, when a man escapes jail a general alarm is raised and some effort is made to capture him. We have witnessed instances here where prisoners escaped and within ten minutes twenty men would be scouring the hills on horseback and on foot, and in every instance the prisoner was brought back. It is true that a prisoner escaped during the big fire in October, 1893, but our people were too busy fighting fire to pay any attention to escaping prisoners.

The favor of the purchasing public is gained by advertising in a live newspaper that has the respect of the people.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Uncle Jesse Miller, of Sandywoods, was in our town Friday calling upon his old friends.

Peter Dirnberger, of Oran, passed through our town Saturday en route to Kelso.

Rudolph and Gus, Scholz, of Oran, were in our town Saturday.

Louis Bucher was at Oran Saturday hauling goods for our merchants. Mr. Person, of Cape county, purchased Uncle Vetter's property in town last Saturday. We understand that Uncle Vetter will in future make his home in St. Louis, where he has several children living.

Messrs. Heisserer, Messmer and Dannenmueller, of Kelso, were in our town Tuesday inspecting the town and seeing their old friends.

Jim Norrid, of near Benton, was in town Saturday calling on his old friends.

Peter Dirnberger, of Oran, sold John Hamm a new binder the other day.

The army worms have done much damage here.

A photographer has located in our midst and opened up in the Stilke building.

Protracted Meeting Closed.

The protracted meeting at Benton closed last Sunday evening and those who heard him agree that Rev. Jamison is the ablest minister who has ever entered the pulpit at Benton. He is a good orator, witty, original and evidently sincere.

By Tuesday of last week it began to dawn upon Rev. Jamison that he was only wasting time here, and on that evening announced that the meeting would close. The next day, however, pressure was brought to bear and he consented to continue the meeting. The court house was then used and his sermons were well attended, but no one seemed willing to unite with the church.

Until some of the "leading lights" become more consistent it is not likely that there will be any additions to the Methodist church at Benton. When worldly people conclude to join a church they do so in the hope of bettering their moral condition as well as their associations.

WOMEN'S GAB.

—Prof. Goodin visited Charleston this week.

—Jas. Lynch was in St. Louis the first of the week.

—Rube Matthews was in Benton Sunday "looking for hogs."

—Quite a crowd attended the ball game at Commerce Monday.

—Pete Kuhn and Anton Amerheim, of Bleda, were in Benton Thursday.

—Mrs. James McPheters spent several days at Lutesville this week, visiting.

—Mrs. Phil A. Hafner spent the first of the week in Illinois visiting her mother.

—Baled Pen Hay for sale by C. C. Halstead, Blodgett, Mo., at 35 cents per ball.

—Prof. Goodin will leave today to take charge of a summer school in Mississippi county.

—Uncle Benedict Scherer was here Tuesday. He is the pioneer school teacher of the county.

—C. F. Bonneton now gets his ice from Charleston. Jos. Portis brought in a ton Tuesday night.

—The men who expect to get to heaven because their wives belong to church are quite numerous in this county.

—J. R. Welch stopped at Benton Tuesday on his way to Paducah, where he will engage in the barber business.

—Victor Scofield, of the Dispatch and W. E. Ward, of Commerce, attended the St. Joseph convention this week.

—The editor has been engaged in digging a cellar, and making preparations to build a summer kitchen this week.

—The editor's wife is in receipt of a setting of eggs from blooded stock. Thanks to Miss Allie Harper, of Diehlstadt.

—Hon. Marsh Arnold, R. A. Kingsbury and Major Ward went down on Little River on a surveying expedition Wednesday.

—Mr. Hall & Cooper lands for sale in time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 329 Olive street, St. Louis.

—The merchant who thinks he will advertise just as soon as his business warrants it will most likely let the sheriff do his advertising.

—Although many of his friends have urged him to become a candidate for the State Senate, Representative DeReign says he is not in it.

—After being out late a man may be able to give a good account of himself, but the question is, can he always explain things to the satisfaction of his wife?

—Fred Sandvos, living north of Benton, was here Tuesday and says the army worms did no material damage in his neighborhood, except to destroy meadows.

—When a hotel charges more than a dollar a day it is correct to say that a man is a guest there—and not a boarder. There is a great deal in a name these days.

—During the absence of his better half the editor has been "living at home and boarding at the same place." Think of it—an editor feasting on fresh fish, strawberries and iced tea.

—A wise business man will no quicker refuse to listen to a suggestion for bettering his advertising than a middle-aged girl will refuse to listen to an offer of domestic bliss.

—It is easier to get into debt than to get out. It is easier to cover your property with a mortgage than to uncover it. This statement will be vouched for by nine-tenths of the people of the United States.

—At Commerce and in the southern part of the county there fell considerable rain last Monday morning, but at Benton and in the north part there was a slight sprinkle. Wednesday a refreshing shower fell.

—B. J. Tenkhoff left for St. Louis Tuesday to purchase his summer stock of merchandise. He is expected home today and the goods will at once be opened and exposed for sale. See his card in this issue.

FROM COMMERCE.

Monday afternoon the Cape Girardeau Normal base ball team rounded in upon us on the transfer steamer John F. Lincoln, and brought with them a crowd of about one hundred and fifty to do the shouting act and see the Normal team wipe up the earth with our boys.

The 3d Missouri cadets led the crowd, as they believed to a field of victory. But alas!

While our team were a little "groggy" for want of practice, they played for all that was in them and allowed no grass to grow under their feet. The Normal boys played hard—but were too short this time and went down to the tune of 19 to 14.

THE SCORE:
Innings— 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Normals, 2 0 1 2 1 2 0 1 5—14
Commerce, 1 0 2 2 0 4 1 0 —19

Our team did not play the last half of the ninth inning as it was unnecessary. The feature of the game was Pitcher Anells home run. The grounds were a little damp, but the evening was just right for ball playing. About 350 people witnessed the game.

Matney Tries to Escape.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat and Post Dispatch of last week gave accounts of the attempted escape of Dave Matney, murderer of Deputy United States Revenue Collector Wade, while at the Union Station, St. Louis, on their way to Jefferson City. In its account of the affair the Post Dispatch says:

"The officers found it necessary to change cars in this city, and while awaiting the train for Jefferson City Matney made the attempt to escape. He was climbing the steps to the street when overtaken and returned to the waiting-room at the muzzle of a revolver. Officer Dixon came up and helped guard the prisoners until the departure of their train. The affair caused quite a ripple of excitement among the travelers at the Station. Women screamed and children cried, but it was all over in a minute."

Sheriff Batts was seen by a News-Boy reporter after his return and he denies the truthfulness of the report. He says he had the three prisoners chained together."

Were on the War-Path.

Sunday Chas. Randol and Jas. Jolly, of Oran, were up in the hills above Oran. They had, according to reports, lubbed rather freely in snake-medicine and wanted to display their pugilistic ability on several of the citizens of the hills. A warrant was sworn out by T. N. Myers, charging them with disturbing the peace, and are now under bond for their appearance before Squire Schoen, next Tuesday.

Struck With an Iron Polker.

Tony Heisserer struck Robert Swad a severe blow over the head with an iron polker, in Randol's restaurant, at Kelso, Thursday afternoon.

As we go to press (Thursday evening) Mr. Swad is in a critical condition. The flow of blood could not be checked and it could not be ascertained whether the skull was fractured or not. Mr. Swad was fainting and unconscious.

Do You Raise Poultry?

Do your hens lay?
Do your hens pay?
If not learn how by taking the Midland Poultry Journal of Kansas City Mo. Sample copy free. Price 50 cents a year.

Rid your fowls of lice and get double the number of eggs. Dead easy Disinfectant will kill the lice and keep your fowls free from disease, by simply painting roosts and drop boards. One gallon 75 cents; 2 gallons \$1.25.

WESTERN POULTRY SUPPLY CO.,
1411 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.

Stray Notice.

Taken up by Syrus Harrison and posted before John R. Gibbs, a justice of the peace, in Commerce township, of Scott county, on the 11th day of May, in the year 1896, the following described property: One dark bay filly, about 14 hands high, two years old, left hind leg white half way up to hock and appraised twenty dollars.

SYRUS HARRISON.

Dental Notice.

I will visit Benton Monday a. m., May 18th, and remain three days only. Teeth extracted without pain. Office at Mrs. Walker's.

L. P. RICE.